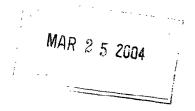


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Dear Sirs:

Mera Pharmaceuticals will be marketing AstaFactor® SalmonEssentials, an astaxanthin Omega-3 fatty acids dietary supplement, containing the active ingredients, Eicosapentaenoic Acid (EPA), Docosaheaenoic Acid (DHA), Vitamin E, and Astaxanthin with the following structure/function claims:

- 1) Contributes to Heart Health
- 2) Powerful Antioxidant 500X stronger than Vitamin E

Sincerely,

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